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#### REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PROGRAM BETWEEN THE JPO AND THE USPTO (continued) Application No. 10/542,683 First Name Inventor: Kouji MIURA et al. II. Claims Correspondence Table: Claims in US Application Patentable Claims in JPO Application Explanation regarding the correspondence No. 10/542,683 No. 2004-017400 61 1 Claims are the same 62 2 Claims are the same 63 3 Claims are the same 64 4 Claims are the same 65 5 Claims are the same 6 66 Claims are the same 67 7 Claims are the same 8 68 Claims are the same 9 69 Claims are the same 70 10 Claims are the same 71 11 Claims are the same 72 12 Claims are the same 73 13 Claims are the same 74 14 Claims are the same III. All the claims in the US application sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the JPO application. IV. Payment of Fees: The petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) as required by 37 CFR 1.102(d) must be paid via EFS-

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# **GRAPHICAL SHOWING OF JPO APPLICATION RELATIONSHIP**

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Sir:

The relationships between JPO applications and the U.S. application, can be seen graphically as follows:

JP 2003-017637 -----> PCT/JP2004/000677----> JP 2004-017400 and JP 2003-049710, (Filed 1/27/04) (having allowable/- patentable claims) (JP National Stage) (JP National Stage)

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# 【請求項1】

要求メッセージの送信、応答メッセージの受信、1つのトランザクション完了を確定させるためのコミットメッセージの送信を含むトランザクション処理に基づいてサーバ装置からコンテンツの利用に対する<u>情報</u>を取得し、前記<u>情報</u>に基づいて前記コンテンツの利用を制御する端末装置であって、

<u>前記要求メッセージは、現在処理中のトランザクションに関連づけられており0または1</u> の値を取るトランザクションフラグを含み、

前記トランザクションフラグを保持する保持手段と、

連続する複数回のトランザクション処理における<u>2回目以降のトランザクション処理において、前回送信した要求メッセージに対する前記サーバ装置からの応答メッセージが正常に受信されたとき、前回送信した要求メッセージに含まれるトランザクションフラグの値が反転されたトランザクションフラグを含む要求メッセージを送信し、最終回のトランザクション処理において、コミットメッセージを送信する送信手段と</u>

を備える、端末装置。

# 【請求項2】

前記端末装置は、

前記複数のトランザクション処理においてサーバ装置から送信される各応答メッセージを 受信する応答受信手段と、

応答受信手段による受信結果に従って、前記保持手段に保持された<u>トランザクションフラグ</u>を更新する更新手段と

を備える、請求の範囲第1項に記載の端末装置。

### 【請求項3】

前記更新手段は、

<u>前記</u>応答受信手段によって応答メッセージが<u>正常に</u>受信されたとき、<u>前記</u>保持手段<u>に保持</u> <u>されているトランザクションフラグ</u>の値を反転する<u>、</u>

請求の範囲第2項に記載の端末装置。

### 【請求項4】

前記送信手段は、

<u>前記応答受信手段によって応答メッセージが正常に受信されたとき、更新手段により反転されたトランザクションフラグを、次のトランザクション処理の要求メッセージに含めて</u> 送信し、

<u>応答メッセージが正常に受信されなかったとき、更新手段により反転されていないトランザクションフラグを、現在のトランザクション処理の要求メッセージに含めて再度送信する、</u>

請求の範囲第3項に記載の端末装置。

# 【請求項5】

要求メッセージの受信、応答メッセージの送信、1つのトランザクション完了を確定させ るためのコミットメッセージの受信を含むトランザクション処理に基づいて端末装置にコ ンテンツの利用に対する情報を提供するサーバ装置であって、

<u>前記要求メッセージは、現在処理中のトランザクションに関連づけられており0または1</u> の値を取るトランザクションフラグを含み、

<u>連続する複数回のトランザクション処理における2回目以降の要求メッセージに含まれる</u> トランザクションフラグを受信する受信手段と、

<u>2回目以降の要求メッセージ受信時に、前記トランザクションフラグの値が、前回受信したトランザクションフラグの値に対し反転された値のとき、前回のトランザクションの完</u>了を確定すると判定する判定手段と

を備える、サーバ装置。

# 【請求項6】

前記サーバ装置は、さらに、

<u>前記複数のトランザクション処理における前回の要求メッセージに含まれて送信されたトランザクションフラ</u>グのコピーである第1フラグを保持する保持手段を備え、

前記判定手段は、

受信手段によって受信された現在のトランザクション処理におけるトランザクションフラグと、保持手段に保持された第1フラグとが不一致であるとき、前回のトランザクションの完了を確定すると判定する、

請求の範囲第5項記載のサーバ装置。

#### 【請求項7】

前記受信手段は、

<u>前記2回目以降の要求メッセージに含まれるトランザクションフラグを受信する要求受信</u> 手段と、

<u>前記複数トランザクション処理の最後のトランザクション処理においてのみコミットメッ</u> セージを受信するコミット受信手段と

を備える、請求の範囲第6項に記載のサーバ装置。

# 【請求項8】

前記サーバ装置はさらに、

<u>要求メッセージに対する応答メッセージを端末装置に送信する応答送信手段を備え、</u> 前記応答送信手段は、

<u>判定手段によって前回のトランザクションの完了を確定すると判定されたときは、次のト</u>ランザクション処理の応答メッセージを送信し、

<u>判定手段によって前回のトランザクションの完了を確定しないと判定されたときは、前回</u> のトランザクション処理の応答メッセージを再度送信する、

請求の範囲第7項に記載のサーバ装置。

### 【請求項9】

要求メッセージの受信、応答メッセージの送信、1つのトランザクション完了を確定させるためのコミットメッセージの受信を含むトランザクション処理に基づいて端末装置にコンテンツの利用に対する情報を提供するサーバ装置と、前記サーバ装置から取得した前記情報に基づいて前記コンテンツの利用を制御する端末装置とを含むデジタルコンテンツ配信システムであって、

<u>前記要求メッセージは、現在処理中のトランザクションに関連づけられており0または1</u> の値を取るトランザクションフラグを含み、

前記端末装置は、

前記トランザクションフラグを保持する保持手段と、

連続する複数回のトランザクション処理における2回目以降のトランザクション処理において、前回送信した要求メッセージに対する前記サーバ装置からの応答メッセージが正常に受信されたとき、前回送信した要求メッセージに含まれるトランザクションフラグの値が反転されたトランザクションフラグを含む要求メッセージを送信し、最終回のトランザクション処理において、コミットメッセージを送信する送信手段とを備え、

前記サーバ装置は、

<u>連続する複数回のトランザクション処理における2回目以降の要求メッセージに含まれる</u> <u>トランザクションフラグを受信する受信手段と、</u>

2回目以降の要求メッセージ受信時に、前記トランザクションフラグの値が、前回受信したトランザクションフラグの値に対し反転された値のとき、前回のトランザクションの完了を確定すると判定する判定手段とを備える、

<u>コン</u>テンツ配信システム。

### 【請求項10】

要求メッセージの送信、応答メッセージの受信、1つのトランザクション完了を確定させるためのコミットメッセージの送信を含むトランザクション処理に基づいてサーバ装置からコンテンツの利用に対する情報を取得し、前記情報に基づいて前記コンテンツの利用を制御する端末装置におけるトランザクション処理方法であって、

<u>前記要求メッセージは、現在</u>処理中のトランザクションに関連づけられており0または1 の値を取るトランザクションフラグを含み、

連続する複数回のトランザクション処理における2回目以降のトランザクション処理において、前回送信した要求メッセージに対する前記サーバ装置からの応答メッセージが正常に受信されたとき、前回送信した要求メッセージに含まれるトランザクションフラグの値が反転されたトランザクションフラグを含む要求メッセージを送信するよう制御する制御ステップと、

<u>前記最終回のトランザクション処理においてコミットメッセージを送信する送信ステップ</u> <u>と</u> <u>を有する、トランザクション処理方法。</u>

### 【請求項11】

要求メッセージの受信、応答メッセージの送信、1つのトランザクション完了を確定させるためのコミットメッセージの受信を含むトランザクション処理に基づいて端末装置にコンテンツの利用に対する情報を提供するサーバ装置におけるトランザクション処理方法であって、

<u>前記要求メッセージは、現在処理中のトランザクションに関連づけられており0または1</u> の値を取るトランザクションフラグを含み、

<u>連続する複数回のトランザクション処理における2回目以降の要求メッセージに含まれる</u> <u>トランザクションフラグを受信するステップと、</u>

2回目以降の要求メッセージ受信時に、前記トランザクションフラグの値が、前回受信したトランザクションフラグの値に対し反転された値のとき、前回のトランザクションの完了を確定すると判定する判定ステップと

を有する、トランザクション処理方法。

### 【請求項12】

要求メッセージの受信、応答メッセージの送信、1つのトランザクション完了を確定させるためのコミットメッセージの受信を含むトランザクション処理に基づいて端末装置にコンテンツの利用に対する情報を提供するサーバ装置と、前記サーバ装置から取得した前記情報に基づいて前記コンテンツの利用を制御する端末装置とを含むデジタルコンテンツ配信システムにおけるトランザクション処理方法であって、

<u>前記要求メッセージは、現在処理中のトランザクションに関連づけられており0または1</u> の値を取るトランザクションフラグを含み、

前記端末装置において、連続する複数回のトランザクション処理における2回目以降のトランザクション処理において、前回送信した要求メッセージに対する前記サーバ装置からの応答メッセージが正常に受信されたとき、前回送信した要求メッセージに含まれるトランザクションフラグの値が反転されたトランザクションフラグを含む要求メッセージを送信するよう制御する制御ステップと、

<u>前記端末装置において、前記最終回のトランザクション処理においてコミットメッセージ</u>を送信する送信ステップと、

<u>前記サーバ装置において、連続する複数回のトランザクション処理における2回目以降の</u> 要求メッセージに含まれるトランザクションフラグを受信するステップと、

<u>前記サーバ装置において、2回目以降の要求メッセージ受信時に、前記トランザクションフラグの値が、前回受信したトランザクションフラグの値に対し反転された値のとき、前</u>回のトランザクションの完了を確定すると判定する判定ステップと

を有する、トランザクション処理方法。

#### 【請求項13】

要求メッセージの受信、応答メッセージの送信、1つのトランザクション完了を確定させるためのコミットメッセージの送信を含むトランザクション処理に基づいてサーバ装置からコンテンツの利用に対する情報を取得し、前記情報に基づいて前記コンテンツの利用を制御する端末装置においてトランザクション処理を実行させるプログラムあって、

<u>前記要求メッセージは、現在処理中のトランザクションに関連づけられており0または1</u> の値を取るトランザクションフラグを含み、

前記トランザクションフラグを保持する保持手段と、

連続する複数回のトランザクション処理おける2回目以降のトランザクション処理において、前回送信した要求メッセージに対する前記サーバ装置からの応答メッセージが正常に受信されたとき、前回送信した要求メッセージに含まれるトランザクションフラグの値が反転されたトランザクションフラグを含む要求メッセージを送信し、最終回のトランザクション処理において、コミットメッセージを送信する送信手段と

<u>を端末装置内のコンピュータに実現させるプログラム。</u>

### 【請求項14】

要求メッセージの受信、応答メッセージの送信、1つのトランザクション完了を確定させるためのコミットメッセージの受信を含むトランザクション処理に基づいて端末装置にコンテンツの利用に対する<u>情報</u>を提供するサーバ装置<u>においてトランザクション処理を実行</u>させるプログラムであって、

<u>前記要求メッセージは、現在処理中のトランザクションに関連づけられており0または1</u> <u>の値を取るトランザクションフラグを含み、</u>

連続する複数回のトランザクション処理における2回目以降の要求メッセージ<u>に含まれる</u> トランザクションフラグを受信する受信手段と、

2回目以降の要求メッセージ受信時に、前記トランザクションフラグの値が、前回受信したトランザクションフラグの値に対し反転された値のとき、前回のトランザクションの完了を確定すると判定する判定手段と

<u>をサーバ装置内のコンピュータに実行させるプログラム。</u>

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Kouji MIURA et al.

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For: DIGITAL CONTENT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

# **VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION**

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Sir:

Masakuni YAMAGUCHI residing at 1-6-1, Minamitomigaoka, Nara-shi, Nara, 631-0023, Japan declares:

- (1) that he knows well both the Japanese and English languages;
- (2) that he translated the patentable claims from JP2004-017400 from Japanese to English;
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- (4) that all statements made of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent thereon.

This 2 day of Oct 2008

Masakuni Yamaguchi

# What is claimed is:

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1. A terminal device that obtains, from a server device, information for using a content based on transaction processes and controls use of the content based on the information, each of the transaction processes including sending of a request message, receiving of a response message, and sending of a commit message for finalizing completion of one transaction,

wherein the request message includes a transaction flag which corresponds to a transaction currently being processed and has a value of 0 or 1, and

said terminal device includes:

a holding unit which holds the transaction flag; and

a sending unit configured to send, in a second or a following transaction process out of successive transaction processes, a request message including a transaction flag having a value which is an inverse of the value of a transaction flag included in a previously sent request message when a response message responding to the previously sent request message is normally received from the server device, and to send a commit message in a last transaction process.

2. The terminal device according to Claim 1, comprising:

a response receiving unit configured to receive each response message sent from the server device in the transaction processes; and

an update unit configured to update the transaction flag held by said holding unit according to each reception result of said response receiving unit.

3. The terminal device according to Claim 2,

wherein said update unit is configured to invert the value of the transaction flag held in said holding unit when said response receiving unit normally receives the response message.

5 4. The terminal device according to Claim 3, wherein said sending unit is configured to:

send a request message, for a next transaction process, including the transaction flag inverted by said update unit in the case where a response message is normally received by said response receiving unit; and

send again a request message, for the current transaction process, including a transaction flag which is not inverted by said update unit in the case where a response message is not normally received by said response receiving unit.

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5. A server device that provides a terminal device with information for using a content based on transaction processes, each including receiving of a request message, sending of a response message, and receiving of a commit message for finalizing completion of one transaction,

wherein the request message includes a transaction flag which corresponds to a transaction currently being processed and has a value of 0 or 1, and

said server device includes:

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a receiving unit configured to receive a transaction flag included in a second or a following request message out of successive transaction processes; and

a judging unit configured to judge that a completion of a previous transaction should be finalized in the case where a value of the transaction flag is an inverse of a value of a transaction flag previously received when the second or the following request message is received.

6. The server device according to Claim 5, further comprising a holding unit configured to hold a first flag which is a copy of the transaction flag included in a previous received request message in the transaction processes,

wherein said judgment unit is configured to judge that the completion of a previous transaction should be finalized in the case where the transaction flag, in the current transaction process, received by said receiving unit and the first flag held by said holding unit do not match.

7. The server device according to Claim 6, wherein said receiving unit includes:

a request receiving unit configured to receive a transaction flag included in the second or following request message; and

a commit receiving unit configured to receive a commit message only in a last transaction processes.

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8. The server device according to Claim 7, further comprising a response sending unit configured to send the response message, responding to the request message, to the terminal device,

wherein said response sending unit is configured to send a response message for a next transaction process in the case where said judgment unit judges that the completion of the previous transaction should be finalized, and to send again the response message for the previous transaction process in the case where said judgment unit judges that the completion of the previous transaction should not be finalized.

9. A digital content distribution system comprising a server device and a terminal device, said server device providing said terminal device with information for using a content based on transaction processes, each including receiving of a request message, sending of a response message, and receiving of a commit message for finalizing completion of a transaction, and said terminal device controlling use of the content based on the information obtained from said server device,

wherein the request message includes a transaction flag which corresponds to a transaction currently being processed and has a value of 0 or 1, and

said terminal device includes:

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a holding unit which holds the transaction flag; and

a sending unit configured to send, in a second or a following transaction process out of successive transaction processes, a request message including a transaction flag having a value which is an inverse of the value of a transaction flag included in a previously sent request message when a response message responding to the previously sent request message is normally received from the server device, and to send a commit message in a last transaction process, and

said server device includes:

a receiving unit configured to receive a transaction flag included in a second or a following request message out of successive transaction processes; and

a judging unit configured to judge that a completion of a previous transaction should be finalized in the case where a value of the transaction flag is an inverse of a value of a transaction flag previously received when the second or the following request message is received.

10. A transaction processing method for use in a terminal device that obtains, from a server device, information for using a content based on transaction processes and controls use of the content based on the information, each of the transaction processes including sending of a request message, receiving of a response message, and sending of a commit message for finalizing completion of one transaction,

wherein the request message includes a transaction flag which corresponds to a transaction currently being processed and has a value of 0 or 1, and

said method includes:

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performing a control so that a request message is sent in a second or a following transaction process out of successive transaction processes when a response message responding to the previously sent request message is normally received from the server device, the request message including a transaction flag having a value which is an inverse of the value of a transaction flag included in a previously sent request message; and

sending a commitment message in a last transaction process.

11. A transaction processing method for use in a server device that provides a terminal device with information for using a content based on transaction processes, each including receiving of a request message, sending of a response message, and receiving of a commit message for finalizing completion of one transaction, said method comprising:

wherein the request message includes a transaction flag which corresponds to a transaction currently being processed and has a value of 0 or 1, and

said transaction processing method includes:

receiving a transaction flag included in a second or a following request message out of successive transaction processes; and

judging that a completion of a previous transaction should be finalized in the case where a value of the transaction flag is an inverse of a value of a transaction flag previously received when the second or the following request message is received.

12. A transaction processing method for use in a digital content distribution system including a server device and a terminal device, the server device providing the terminal device with information for using a content based on transaction processes, each including receiving of a request message, sending of a response message, and receiving of a commit message for finalizing completion of a transaction, and the terminal device controlling use of the content based on the information obtained from the server device,

wherein the request message includes a transaction flag which corresponds to a transaction currently being processed and has a value of 0 or 1, and

said method includes:

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performing, executed by the terminal device, a control so that a request message is sent in a second or a following transaction process out of successive transaction processes when a response message responding to the previously sent request message is normally received from the server device, the request message including a transaction flag having a value which is an inverse of the value of a transaction flag included in a previously sent request message; and

sending, executed by the terminal device, a commitment message in a last transaction process;

receiving, executed by the server device, a transaction flag included in a second or a following request message out of

successive transaction processes; and

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judging, executed by the server device, that a completion of a previous transaction should be finalized in the case where a value of the transaction flag is an inverse of a value of a transaction flag previously received when the second or the following request message is received.

- 13. A computer program for causing transaction processes to be executed in a terminal device that obtains, from a server device, information for using a content based on the transaction processes and controls use of the content based on the information, each of the transaction processes including sending of a request message, receiving of a response message, and sending of a commit message for finalizing completion of one transaction,
- wherein the request message includes a transaction flag which corresponds to a transaction currently being processed and has a value of 0 or 1, and

said computer program causes a computer in the terminal device to function as:

a holding unit which holds the transaction flag; and

a sending unit configured to send, in a second or a following transaction process out of successive transaction processes, a request message including a transaction flag having a value which is an inverse of the value of a transaction flag included in a previously sent request message when a response message responding to the previously sent request message is normally received from the server device, and to send a commit message in a last transaction process.

14. A computer program for causing transaction processes to be executed in a server device that provides a terminal device with

information for using a content based on transaction processes, each including receiving of a request message, sending of a response message, and receiving of a commit message for finalizing completion of one transaction,

wherein the request message includes a transaction flag which corresponds to a transaction currently being processed and has a value of 0 or 1, and

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said program causes a computer in the server device to function as:

a receiving unit configured to receive a transaction flag included in a second or a following request message out of successive transaction processes; and

a judging unit configured to judge that a completion of a previous transaction should be finalized in the case where a value of the transaction flag is an inverse of a value of a transaction flag previously received when the second or the following request message is received.